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The present invention relates to a method of treating migraine in a mammal, including a human, by administering to the mammal a 5HT₁ receptor agonist and caffeine in combination with a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor. It also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, a 5HT₁ receptor agonist and a COX-2 inhibitor.

10 Examples of agonists of 5HT₁ receptors are agonists of one or more of the 5HT_{1A}, 5HT_{1B}, 5HT_{1C}, 5HT_{1D}, 5HT_{1E}, and 5HT_{1F} receptors.

The combined use of 5HT₁ agonists (e.g. eletriptan, rizatriptan, naratriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan), caffeine and a COX-2 inhibitor (Celecoxib or Valdecoxib) for the acute treatment of migraine offers enhanced efficacy than currently used therapies.

15 Symptomatic treatment helps relieve the pain associated with migraine. Abortive treatment targets the pathophysiology of migraine and decreases many of the symptoms of migraine, including pain, nausea, photophobia and phonophobia.

NSAIDS have been shown to help in the symptomatic treatment of migraine headache. Its combination with the abortive treatment of the 5HT₁ agonists is expected to

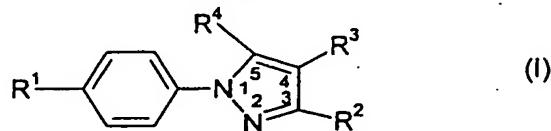
20 provide an additional effect than the use of either treatment alone.

COX-2 inhibitors have evolved from the NSAIDS and are expected to have similar efficacy with additional safety and tolerability. By selectively inhibiting the COX-2 isoenzyme associated with inflammation and pain, COX-2 inhibitors would be expected to decrease migraine pain with less or no effect on the COX-1 isoenzyme. This isoenzyme maintains 25 gastrointestinal and renal environments. The effect of the NSAIDS on the COX-1 isoenzyme is thought to be responsible for the large incidence of gastrointestinal and renal adverse experiences associated with NSAIDS treatment. Therefore, the use of the COX-2 inhibitors is advantageous with its additional safety and tolerability.

Caffeine has been found to be an analgesic adjuvant for numerous conditions 30 including headache and pain (see Laska et al., JAMA, Vol. 252, 1711-1718 (1984), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety).

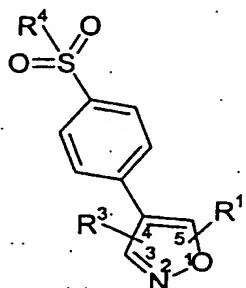
Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of migraine in a mammal, including a human, comprising a 5HT₁ receptor agonist or a 35 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and caffeine with (a) a compound of the formula



wherein R¹ is sulfamyl;

5 wherein R² is haloalkyl;
 wherein R³ is selected from hydrido, and alkyl; and
 wherein R⁴ is selected from aryl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkenyl; wherein R⁴ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from halo, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, amido, N-monoalkylamido,
10 N-monoaryl amido, N,N-dialkylamido, N-alkyl-N-aryl amido, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, sulfamyl, N-alkylsulfamyl, amino, N-alkylamino, N,N-dialkylamino, heterocyclic, nitro and acylamino;
 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof; or (b) a compound of the formula



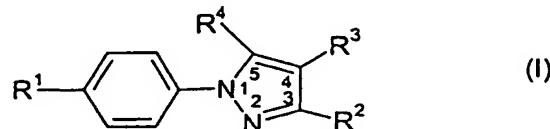
15 wherein R¹ is selected from alkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, aralkoxy, cycloalkylalkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylalkylthio, alkoxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, hydroxyl, amino,
20 hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, halo, alkylamino, aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-cycloalkylalkylamino, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylthio, alkoxy carbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylthioalkyl, and alkylaminocarbonylthioalkyl;

 wherein R³ is selected from cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, and aryl; wherein R³ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals independently selected from alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, nitro, alkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, halo, alkoxy and alkylthio; and

 wherein R⁴ is selected from lower alkyl, hydroxyl, and amino;
25 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof;
 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

This invention also relates to a method of treating migraine in a mammal, including a human, comprising administering to said mammal an amount of a pharmaceutical composition

5 comprising a 5HT₁ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and caffeine with (a) a compound of the formula



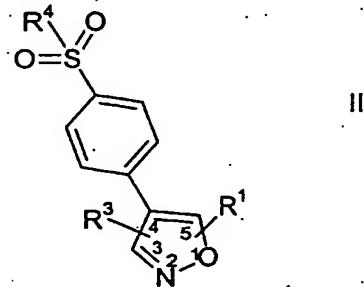
wherein R¹ is sulfamyl;

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15 or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof; or (b) a compound of the formula



20 wherein R¹ is selected from alkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, aralkoxy, cycloalkylalkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylalkylthio, alkoxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, halo, alkylamino, aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-cycloalkylalkylamino, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylthio, alkoxy carbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylthioalkyl, and alkylaminocarbonylthioalkyl;

25 wherein R³ is selected from cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, and aryl; wherein R³ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals independently selected from alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, amino,

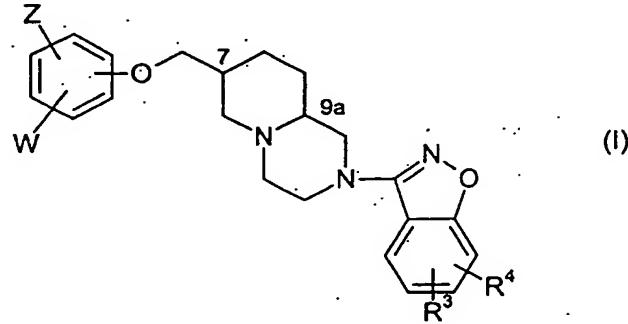
5 alkylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, nitro, alkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl,
halo, alkoxy and alkylthio; and
wherein R⁴ is selected from lower alkyl, hydroxyl, and amino;
or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof;
and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, that is effective in treating migraine.

10 This invention also relates to a method of treating migraine in a mammal, including a human, comprising administering to said mammal a 5HT₁ receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, caffeine and a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor in amounts that render the combination of such three active agents effective in the treatment or prevention of migraine.

15 Preferred embodiments of this invention relate to pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of migraine and methods of treating migraine, as described above, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist is selected from eletriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, almotriptan, avitriptan, frovatriptan, alniditan, zolmitriptan, LY 334370, LY 306258, BMS-180048 and BMS-181885.

20 Other preferred embodiments of this invention relate to pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of migraine and methods of treating migraine, as described above, wherein the COX-2 inhibitor is Celecoxib or Valdecoxib.

25 Other embodiments of this invention relate to pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of migraine and methods of treating migraine, as described above, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist is a compound of the formula



wherein R³, R⁴, and Z are selected, independently, from hydrogen, halo (e.g., chloro, fluoro, bromo or iodo), (C₁-C₄) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, and (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)alkyl wherein each of the alkyl moieties may optionally be substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

W is -CH₂-O-(C₁-C₆) alkyl wherein the alkyl moiety can be straight or branched;

5 or W is -CH₂NR¹R² wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen and straight or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

 or R¹ and R², together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, form a saturated four membered monocyclic ring or a saturated or unsaturated nonaromatic five to seven membered monocyclic ring or a saturated or unsaturated nonaromatic seven-to ten membered 10 bicyclic ring which may optionally contain one or two heteroatoms in addition to the nitrogen of NR¹R², wherein said heteroatoms are independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, and wherein from one to three of the ring carbon atoms, or one of the ring nitrogen atoms, may optionally and independently be substituted with straight or branched (C₁-C₄) alkyl, straight or branched (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, straight or branched (C₁-C₃) alkyl-(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl, 15 hydroxy, amino, cyano, halo, aryl-(straight or branched (C₁-C₃) alkyl) or heteroaryl-(straight or branched (C₁-C₃) alkyl), wherein said aryl is selected from phenyl and naphthyl and said heteroaryl is selected from oxazolyl, Isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, furanyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, tetrazolyl, triazolyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, pyrazinyl, cinnolinyl, pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl;

20 with the proviso that in any ring formed by NR¹R²: (a) there can be no more than one ring oxygen atom; (b) there can be no hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, cyano, amino or alkylamino moiety bonded directly to any ring nitrogen atom; and (c) no ring carbon that is double bonded to another ring carbon and not part of an aromatic ring system can be bonded to a ring oxygen atom or ring nitrogen atom;

25 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The following patents and patent applications exemplify 5HT₁ agonists that can be used, in combination with caffeine and a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor in the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of this invention, and refer to methods of preparing the same: U.S. 30 Patent 5,545,644, issued August 13, 1996; European Patent 776,323, granted February 11, 1998; United States Patent 5,618,834, issued April 8, 1997; World Patent Application PCT/EP98/04176, which designates the United States and was filed on July 1, 1998; European Patent 503,440, granted June 18, 1998; United States Patent 4,816,470, issued March 28, 1989; Japanese Patent 9,423,197, granted March 30, 1994; Canadian Patent 1,241,004, granted 35 August 23, 1988; European Patent 497,512, granted September 24, 1997; United States Patent 5,300,506, issued April 15, 1994; European Patent Application 711,769, published May 15, 1996; World Patent Application WO 94/2460, published February 3, 1994; United States Patent 5,541,180, issued July 30, 1996; European Patent Application 591,280, published April 13, 1994; European Patent 639,192, granted May 15, 1996; European Patent Application 674,621,

5 published October 4, 1995 and European Patent 486,666, granted August 13, 1997. The foregoing patents and patent applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

The following references relate to the pharmacological properties of certain of the 5HT, agonists mentioned above as being employed in preferred embodiments of this invention: Robert *et al.*, Cephalagia 18(6): 406, July/August 1998; Marathe *et al.*, Biopharm. Drug Dispos. 10(6): 381-94, September 1998; Saxena *et al.*, Eur. J. Pharmacol. 351(3): 329-39, 26 June 1998; Goldstein *et al.*, Cephalagia 18(6): 410, July/August 1998; Buchan *et al.*, Cephalagia 18(6): 410, July/August 1998; Block *et al.*, Cephalagia 18(6): 409-10, July/August 1998; and Sheftell *et al.*, Cephalagia 18(6): 403-4, July/August 1998; Perry *et al.*, Drugs (New Zealand) 55(6):889-922, June 1998; Bomhof *et al.*, Cephalagia (Norway) 18(1): 33-7, January 1998; 15 Klasson *et al.*, Headaches (United States) 37(10): 640-5, Nov./Dec. 1997; Goldstein *et al.*, Cephalagia (Norway) 16(7): 497-502, November 1996; Parsons *et al.*, J. Cardiovasc. Pharmacol. (United States) 32(2): 220-4, August 1998; and Schoenen J., Curr. Opin. Neurol. 10(3): 237-43, June 1997. These references are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

20 The following patents and patent applications exemplify cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors that can be used, in combination with a 5HT, agonists and caffeine, in the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of this invention, and refer to methods of preparing the same; United States Patent 5,466,823, issued November 14, 1995; and United States Patent 5,633,272, issued May 27, 1997. The foregoing patents are incorporated herein by 25 reference in their entireties.

The term "treating", as used herein, refers to retarding or reversing the progress of, or alleviating or preventing either the disorder or condition to which the term "treating" applies, or one or more symptoms of such disorder or condition. The term "treatment", as used herein, refers to the act of treating a disorder or condition, as the term "treating" is defined above.

30 This invention relates both to methods of treating migraine in which the 5HT, receptor agonist, caffeine and a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor are administered together, as part of the same pharmaceutical composition, as well as to methods in which these three active agents are administered separately, as part of an appropriate dose regimen designed to obtain the benefits of the combination therapy. The appropriate dose regimen, the amount of each dose 35 administered, and the intervals between doses of the active agents will depend upon the 5HT, agonist and the COX-2 inhibitor being used, the type of pharmaceutical formulations being used, the characteristics of the subject being treated and the severity of the migraine. Generally, in carrying out the methods of this invention, the 5HT, receptor agonist will be administered orally to an average 70 kg adult human in an amount ranging from about 0.5 to about 100 mg per day, 40 in single or divided doses, and the caffeine and COX-2 inhibitor will be administered in single or

5 divided doses. Caffeine will be administered in amounts ranging from about 15 mg to about 200 mg per day, preferably about 30 mg to about 100 mg per day, depending on the severity of the headache and the route of administration. COX-2 inhibitors will generally be administered in amounts ranging from about 10 to about 300 mg per day, depending on the COX-2 inhibitor, severity of the headache and the route of administration. The COX-2 inhibitors can be
10 administered orally, intranasally, intravenously, as a rectal suppository or using a "flash" formulation (i.e., allowing the medication to dissolve in the mouth without the need to use water.)

The following tables exemplify preferred dosage ranges of certain specific 5HT₁ agonists when used in combination with cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors

TABLE 1

5HT ₁ AGONIST	DOSAGE RANGE FOR MEDICATION TAKEN	DOSAGE RANGE FOR MEDICATION TAKEN INTRANASALLY (mg)
Eletriptan	20 to 80	-
Rizatriptan	5 to 10	-
Zolmitriptan	1 to 5	-
Sumatriptan	25 to 100	5 to 20
Naratriptan	1 to 5	-
Dihydroergotamine	-	0.5 to 2
Ergotamine	0.5 to 2	-

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TABLE 2

CAFFEINE	DOSAGE RANGE (mg)
	15 to 200

TABLE 3

COX2-Inhibitors	DOSAGE RANGE (mg) P.O.
Celecoxib™	50 to 300
Valdecoxib™	50 to 300

20 The 5HT₁ receptor agonists with caffeine and a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor that are employed in the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of this invention, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, may be administered alone (three active agents administered together or separately) or in combination with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents. They may be formulated in a conventional manner using one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. Such compounds may be administered orally, buccally, intranasally,
25 parenterally (e.g., intravenously, intramuscularly or subcutaneously) or rectally, or in a form suitable for administration by inhalation or insufflation.

5 For oral administration (three active agents administered together or separately), the pharmaceutical compositions may take the form of, for example, tablets or capsules prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as binding agents (e.g., pregelatinised maize starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose); fillers (e.g., lactose, microcrystalline cellulose or calcium phosphate), lubricants (e.g., 10 magnesium stearate, talc or silica); disintegrants (e.g., potato starch or sodium starch glycollate); or wetting agents (e.g., sodium lauryl sulphate). The tablets may be coated by methods well known in the art. Liquid preparations for oral administration may take the form of, for example, solutions, syrups or suspensions, or they may be presented as a dry product for constitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may 15 be prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable additives such as suspending agents (e.g., sorbitol syrup, methyl cellulose or hydrogenated edible fats); emulsifying agents (e.g., lecithin or acacia); non-aqueous vehicles (e.g., almond oil, oily esters or ethyl alcohol); and preservatives (e.g., methyl or propyl p-hydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid).

20 For buccal administration the composition (three active agents administered together or separately) may take the form of tablets or lozenges formulated in a conventional manner.

The 5HT₁ agonists of the invention and their salts with a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor may be formulated for parenteral administration (three active agents administered together or separately) by injection, including using conventional catheterization techniques or infusion. Formulations for injection may be presented in unit dosage form, e.g., in ampules or in multi-dose containers, with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as suspensions, solutions or emulsions in oily or aqueous vehicles, and may contain formulating agents such as suspending, stabilizing and/or dispersing agents.

30 Alternatively, the active ingredient (three active agents administered together or separately) may be in powder form for reconstitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g., sterile pyrogen-free water, prior to use.

The 5HT₁ agonists of this invention and their salts with caffeine and a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor may also be formulated (three active agents administered together or separately) in rectal compositions such as suppositories or retention enemas, e.g., containing conventional suppository bases such as cocoa butter or other glycerides.

For intranasal administration or administration by inhalation, the active compounds of the invention (three active agents administered together or separately) are conveniently delivered in the form of a solution or suspension from a pump spray container that is squeezed or pumped by the patient or as an aerosol spray presentation from a pressurized 40 container or a nebulizer, with the use of a suitable propellant, e.g., dichlorodifluoromethane,

5 trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane, carbon dioxide or other suitable gas. In the case of a pressurized aerosol, the dosage unit may be determined by providing a valve to deliver a metered amount. The pressurized container or nebulizer may contain a solution or suspension of the active compound. Capsules and cartridges (made, for example, from gelatin) for use in an inhaler or insufflator may be formulated containing a powder mix of a
10 compound of the invention and a suitable powder base such as lactose or starch.

Aerosol formulations (three active agents administered together or separately) for the treatment of migraine in the average adult human are preferably made so that each metered dose or "puff" of aerosol contains 20 µg to 1000 µg of the active compounds of the invention. The overall daily dose with an aerosol will generally be within the range of about 100 µg to 10
15 mg. Administration may be several times daily, for example, 2, 3, 4 or 8 times, giving, for example, 1, 2 or 3 doses each time.

The 5-HT₁ receptor agonist activity of a compound or salt can be measured in in vitro receptor binding assays as described for the 5-HT_{1A} receptor, using rat cortex as the receptor source and [³H]8-OH-DPAT as the radioligand (D. Hoyer et al., Europ. J. Pharmacol., 1985; 20 118: 13), and as described for the 5-HT_{1D} receptor, using bovine caudate as the receptor source and [³H]5-HT as the radioligand (R.E. Heuring and S. J. Peroutka, J. Neuroscience, 1987; 7: 894).

The in vitro activity of a compound at the 5-HT_{1D} binding site may be determined according to the following procedure. Bovine caudate tissue is homogenized and suspended
25 in 20 volumes of a buffer containing 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride (tris[hydroxymethyl]aminomethane hydrochloride) at a pH of 7.7. The homogenate is then centrifuged at 45,000G for 10 minutes. The supernatant is then discarded and the resulting pellet resuspended in approximately 20 volumes of 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride buffer at pH 7.7. This suspension is then pre-incubated for 15 minutes at 37°C, after which the
30 suspension is centrifuged again at 45,000G for 10 minutes and the supernatant discarded. The resulting pellet (approximately 1 gram) is resuspended in 150 ml of a buffer of 15 mM TRIS-hydrochloride containing 0.01 percent ascorbic acid with a final pH of 7.7 and also containing 10 mM pargyline and 4 mM calcium chloride (CaCl₂). The suspension is kept on ice at least 30 minutes prior to use.

35 The inhibitor, control or vehicle is then incubated according to the following procedure. To 50 ml of a 20 percent dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)/80 percent distilled water solution is added 200 nM of tritiated 5-hydroxytryptamine (2 nM) in a buffer of 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride containing 0.01 percent ascorbic acid at pH 7.7 and also containing 10 mM pargyline and 4 mM calcium chloride, plus 100 nM of 8-hydroxy-DPAT
40 (dipropylaminotetraline) and 100 nM of mesulergine. To this mixture is added 750 ml of

5 bovine caudate tissue, and the resulting suspension is vortexed to ensure a homogenous suspension. The suspension is then incubated in a shaking water bath for 30 minutes at 25°C. After incubation is complete, the suspension is filtered using glass fiber filters (e.g., Whatman GF/B-filters). The pellet is then washed three times with 4 ml of a buffer of 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride at pH 7.7. The pellet is then placed in a scintillation vial with 5 ml of scintillation fluid (aqua sol 2) and allowed to sit overnight. The percent inhibition can be calculated for each dose of the compound. An IC₅₀ value can then be calculated from the percent inhibition values.

10 The ability of a compound or salt to bind to 5-HT_{1A} receptors can be determined according to the following procedure. Rat brain cortex tissue is homogenized and divided into samples of 1 gram lots and diluted with 10 volumes of 0.32 M sucrose solution. The suspension is then centrifuged at 900G for 10 minutes and the supernatant separated and re-centrifuged at 70,000G for 15 minutes. The supernate is discarded and the pellet re-suspended in 10 volumes of 15 mM TRIS-hydrochloride at pH 7.5. The suspension is allowed to incubate for 15 minutes at 37°C. After pre-incubation is complete, the suspension is 15 centrifuged at 70,000G for 15 minutes and the supernate discarded. The resulting tissue pellet is resuspended in a buffer of 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride at pH 7.7 containing 4 mM of calcium chloride and 0.01 percent ascorbic acid. The tissue is stored at -70°C until ready for an experiment. The tissue can be thawed immediately prior to use, diluted with 10 mM pargyline and kept on ice.

20 25 The tissue is then incubated according to the following procedure. Fifty microliters of control, inhibitor, or vehicle (1 percent DMSO final concentration) is prepared at various dosages. To this solution is added 200ml of tritiated DPAT at a concentration of 1.5 nM in a buffer of 50 mM TRIS-hydrochloride at pH 7.7 containing 4 mM calcium chloride, 0.01 percent ascorbic acid and pargyline. To this solution is then added 750 ml of tissue and the resulting 30 suspension is vortexed to ensure homogeneity. The suspension is then incubated in a shaking water bath for 30 minutes at 37°C. The solution is then filtered, washed twice with 4 ml of 10 mM TRIS-hydrochloride at pH 7.5 containing 154 mM of sodium chloride. The percent inhibition is calculated for each dose of the compound, control or vehicle. IC₅₀ values are calculated from the percent inhibition values.

35 40 The agonist and antagonist activities compounds at 5-HT_{1A} and 5-HT_{1D} receptors can be determined using a single saturating concentration according to the following procedure. Male Hartley guinea pigs are decapitated and 5-HT_{1A} receptors are dissected out of the hippocampus, while 5-HT_{1D} receptors are obtained by slicing at 350 mM on a McIlwain tissue chopper and dissecting out the substantia nigra from the appropriate slices. The individual tissues are homogenized in 5 mM HEPES buffer containing 1 mM EGTA (pH 7.5) using a

- 5 hand-held glass-Teflon® homogenizer and centrifuged at 35,000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C. The pellets are resuspended in 100 mM HEPES buffer containing 1 mM EGTA (pH 7.5) to a final protein concentration of 20 mg (hippocampus) or 5 mg (substantia nigra) of protein per tube. The following agents are added so that the reaction mix in each tube contained 2.0 mM MgCl₂, 0.5 mM ATP, 1.0 mM cAMP, 0.5 mM IBMX, 10 mM phosphocreatine, 0.31 mg/mL
10 creatine phosphokinase, 100 mM GTP and 0.5-1 microcuries of [32P]-ATP (30 Ci/mmol: NEG-003 - New England Nuclear). Incubation is initiated by the addition of tissue to siliconized microfuge tubes (in triplicate) at 30°C for 15 minutes. Each tube receives 20 mL tissue, 10 mL drug or buffer (at 10X final concentration), 10mL 32 nM agonist or buffer (at 10X final concentration), 20mL forskolin (3 mM final concentration) and 40 mL of the preceding
15 reaction mix. Incubation is terminated by the addition of 100 mL 2% SDS, 1.3 mM cAMP, 45 mM ATP solution containing 40,000 dpm [³H]-cAMP (30 Ci/mmol: NET-275 - New England Nuclear) to monitor the recovery of cAMP from the columns. The separation of [³²P]-ATP and [³P]-cAMP is accomplished using the method of Salomon *et al.*; Analytical Biochemistry, 1974, 58, 541-548. Radioactivity is quantified by liquid scintillation counting. Maximal
20 inhibition is defined by 10 mM (R)-8-OH-DPAT for 5-HT_{1A} receptors, and 320 nM 5-HT for 5-HT_{1D} receptors. Percent inhibitions by the test compounds are then calculated in relation to the inhibitory effect of (R)-8-OH-DPAT for 5-HT_{1A} receptors or 5-HT for 5-HT_{1D} receptors. The reversal of agonist induced inhibition of forskolin-stimulated adenylate cyclase activity is calculated in relation to the 32 nM agonist effect.
25 Compounds can be tested for in vivo activity for antagonism of 5-HT_{1D} agonist-induced hypothermia in guinea pigs according to the following procedure.
Male Hartley guinea pigs from Charles River, weighing 250-275 grams on arrival and 300-600 grams at testing, serve as subjects in the experiment. The guinea pigs are housed under standard laboratory conditions on a 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. lighting schedule for at least seven
30 days prior to experimentation. Food and water are available ad libitum until the time of testing.
The compounds of the invention can be administered as solutions in a volume of 1 ml/kg. The vehicle used is varied depending on compound solubility. Test compounds are typically administered either sixty minutes orally (p.o.) or 0 minutes subcutaneously (s.c.) prior
35 to a 5-HT_{1D} agonist, such as [3-(1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]-1H-indol-5-yl)-(3-nitropyridin-3-yl)-amine, which can be prepared as described in PCT publication WO93/111 06, published June 10, 1993 which is administered at a dose of 5.6 mg/kg, s.c. Before a first temperature reading is taken, each guinea pig is placed in a clear plastic shoe box containing wood chips and a metal grid floor and allowed to acclimate to the surroundings for 30 minutes. Animals
40 are then returned to the same shoe box after each temperature reading. Prior to each

5 temperature measurement each animal is firmly held with one hand for a 30-second period. A digital thermometer with a small animal probe is used for temperature measurements. The probe is made of semi-flexible nylon with an epoxy tip. The temperature probe is inserted 6 cm. into the rectum and held there for 30 seconds or until a stable recording is obtained. Temperatures are then recorded.

10 In p.o. screening experiments, a "pre-drug" baseline temperature reading is made at -90 minutes, the test compound is given at -60 minutes and an additional -30 minute reading is taken. The 5-HT_{1D} agonist is then administered at 0 minutes and temperatures are taken 30, 60, 120 and 240 minutes later.

15 In subcutaneous screening experiments, a pre-drug baseline temperature reading is made at -30 minutes. The test compound and 5-HT_{1D} agonists are given concurrently and temperatures are taken at 30, 60, 120 and 240 minutes later.

Data are analyzed with two-way analysis of variants with repeated measures in Newman-Keuls post hoc analysis:

20 The 5-HT_{1A} agonist activity can be determined by the in vitro receptor binding assays, as described for the 5-HT_{1A} receptor using rat cortex as the receptor source and [³H]-8-OH-DPAT as the radioligand [D. Hoyer *et al.* Eur. J. Pharm., **118**, 13 (1985)] and as described for the 5-HT_{1D} receptor using bovine caudate as the receptor source and [³H]serotonin as the radioligand [R.E. Heuring and S.J. Peroutka, J. Neuroscience, **7**, 894 (1987)]. Of the active compounds tested, all exhibited an IC₅₀ in either assay of 1 mM or less.

25 Compounds and salts can be evaluated as anti-migraine agents by testing the extent to which they mimic sumatriptan in contracting the dog isolated saphenous vein strip (P.P.A. Humphrey *et al.*, Br. J. Pharmacol., 1988; **94**: 1128.). This effect can be blocked by methiothepin, a known serotonin antagonist. Sumatriptan is known to be useful in the treatment of migraine and produces a selective increase in carotid vascular resistance in the 30 anaesthetized dog. It has been suggested that this is the basis of its efficacy by Fenwick *et al.*, British Journal of Pharmacology, 1989; **96**: 83.

The activity of the COX-2 inhibitors of the present invention may be demonstrated by the following assays.

Human cell based COX-1 assay

35 Human peripheral blood is obtained from healthy volunteers and diluted to 1/10 volume with 3.8% sodium citrate solution. The platelet-rich plasma is immediately obtained and washed with 0.14 M sodium chloride containing 12 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) and 1.2 mM EDTA. Platelets are then washed with platelet buffer (Hanks buffer (Ca free) containing 0.2% BSA and 20 mM Hepes). Finally, the human washed platelets (HWP) are suspended in 40 platelet buffer at the concentration of 2.85 x 10⁸ cells/ml is stored at room temperature until

5 use. The HWP suspension (70 μ l aliquots, final 2.0×10^7 cells/ml) is placed in a 96-well U bottom plate and 10 μ l aliquots of 12.6 mM CaCl₂ added. Platelets are incubated with A23187 (final 10 μ M, Sigma) with test compound (0.1 - 100 μ M) dissolved in DMSO (final concentration; less than 0.01%) at 37 °C for 15 minutes. The reaction is stopped by addition of EDTA (final 7.7 mM) and TxB₂ in the supernatant quantitated by using a
10 radioimmunoassay kit (Amersham) according to the manufacturer's procedure.

Human cell based COX-2 assay

Inhibition of COX-2 activity after induction of COX-2 by hIL-1 β

The human cell based COX-2 assay is carried out as previously described (Moore et al., *Inflamm. Res.*, 45, 54, 1996). Confluent human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs, Morinaga) in a 96-well U bottom plate are washed with 100 μ l of RPMI1640 containing 2% FCS and incubated with hIL-1 β (final concentration 300 U/ml, R & D Systems) at 37 °C for 24 hr. After washing, the activated HUVECs are stimulated with A23187 (final concentration 30 μ M) in Hanks buffer containing 0.2% BSA, 20 mM Hepes and test compound (0.1 nM - 100 μ M) dissolved in DMSO (final concentration; less than 0.01%) at 37 °C for 15 minutes. 6-Keto-PGF₁ α , stable metabolite of PGI₂, in the supernatant is quantitated after adequate dilution by using a radioimmunoassay kit (Amersham) according to the manufacturer's procedure.

Inhibition of COX-2 during the induction phase

Confluent human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs, Morinaga) in a 96-well U bottom plate are washed with 100 μ l of RPMI1640 containing 2% FCS and test compound (0.1 nM - 100 μ M) dissolved in DMSO (final concentration; less than 0.01%), and incubated with hIL-1 β (final concentration 300 U/ml, R & D Systems) at 37 °C for 24 hr. After washing, the HUVECs are stimulated with A23187 (final concentration 30 μ M) in Hanks buffer containing 0.2% BSA and 20 mM Hepes at 37 °C for 15 minutes. 6-Keto-PGF₁ α , a stable metabolite of PGI₂, in the supernatant is quantitated after adequate dilution by using a radioimmunoassay kit (Amersham) according to the manufacturer's procedure.

In vivo assays

Carageenan-induced foot edema in rats

Male Sprague-Dawley rats (5 weeks old, Charles River Japan) are fasted overnight. 35 A line is drawn using a marker above the ankle on the right hind paw and the paw volume (V₀) was measured by water displacement using a plethysmometer (Muromachi). Animals are given orally either vehicle (0.1% methyl cellulose or 5% Tween 80) or a test compound (2.5 ml per 100 grams body weight). One hour later, the animals are then injected intradermally with λ -carrageenan (0.1 ml of 1% w/v suspension in saline, Zushikagaku) into
40 right hind paw (Winter et al., *Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med.*, 111, 544, 1962; Lombardino et al.,

5 *Arzneim. Forsch.*, 25, 1629, 1975) and three hours later, the paw volume (V3) is measured and the increase in volume (V3-V0) calculated. Since maximum inhibition attainable with classical NSAIDs is 60-70%, ED30 values are calculated.

Gastric ulceration in rats

10 The gastric ulcerogenicity of test compound is assessed by a modification of the conventional method (Ezer *et al.*, *J. Pharm. Pharmacol.*, 28, 655, 1976; Cashin *et al.*, *J. Pharm. Pharmacol.*, 29, 330 - 336, 1977). Male Sprague-Dawley rats (5 weeks old, Charles River Japan), fasted overnight, are given orally either vehicle (0.1% methyl cellulose or 5% Tween 80) or a test compound (1 ml per 100 grams body weight). Six hours after, the animals are sacrificed by cervical dislocation. The stomachs are removed and inflated with 1% 15 formalin solution (10 ml). Stomachs are opened by cutting along the greater curvature. From the number of rats that showed at least one gastric ulcer or haemorrhaging erosion (including ecchymosis), the incidence of ulceration is calculated. Animals do not have access to either food or water during the experiment.

Data Analysis

20 Statistical program packages, SYSTAT (SYSTAT, INC.) and StatView (Abacus Concepts, Inc.) for Macintosh is used. Differences between test compound treated group and control group are tested for using ANOVA. The IC₅₀ (ED30) values are calculated from the equation for the log-linear regression line of concentration (dose) versus percent inhibition.

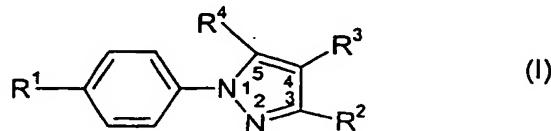
25 COX-2 selectivity can be determined by ratio in terms of IC₅₀ value of COX-1 inhibition to COX-2 inhibition. In general, it can be said that a compound showing a COX-1/COX-2 inhibition ratio of more than 2 has good COX-2 selectivity.

The claims defining the invention are as follows.

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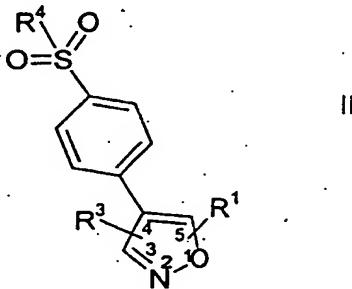
CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of migraine comprising a 5HT₁ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and caffeine, with (a) a compound of the formula



10 wherein R¹ is sulfamyl;
wherein R² is haloalkyl;
wherein R³ is selected from hydrido, and alkyl; and
wherein R⁴ is selected from aryl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkenyl; wherein R⁴ is optionally
substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from halo, alkylthio,
15 alkylsulfinyl, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, amido, N-monoalkylamido,
N-monoarylamido, N,N-dialkylamido, N-alkyl-N-arylamido, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy,
hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, sulfamyl, N-alkylsulfamyl, amino, N-alkylamino, N,N-dialkylamino,
heterocyclic, nitro and acylamino;
or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof; or (b) a compound of the formula

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wherein R¹ is selected from alkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl,
aminocarbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, aralkoxy,
cycloalkylalkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylalkylthio, alkoxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl,
25 alkylthioalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylthioalkyl, hydroxyl, amino,
hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, halo, alkylamino, aralkylamino, N-
alkyl-N-aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-cycloalkylalkylamino, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylthio,
aloxycarbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylthioalkyl, and
alkylaminocarbonylthioalkyl;

wherein R³ is selected from cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, and aryl; wherein R³ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals independently selected from alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, nitro, alkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, halo, alkoxy and alkylthio; and

wherein R⁴ is selected from lower alkyl, hydroxyl, and amino;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;
and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

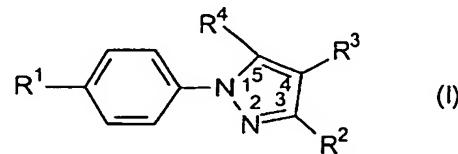
2. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist is selected from eletriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan, sumatriptan and naratriptan.

3. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is Celecoxib or Valdecoxib.

4. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of migraine, said composition being substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

5. A method of treating migraine in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an antimigraine effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4.

6. A method of treating migraine in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal a 5HT₁ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and caffeine, with (a) a compound of the formula



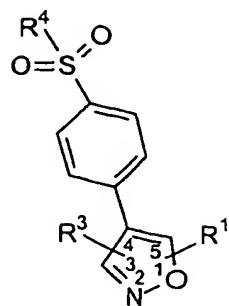
wherein R¹ is sulfamyl;

wherein R² is haloalkyl;

wherein R³ is selected from hydrido, and alkyl; and

wherein R⁴ is selected from aryl, cycloalkyl, and cycloalkenyl; wherein R⁴ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from halo, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxy carbonyl, amido, N-monoalkylamido, N-monoaryl amido, N,N-dialkylamido, N-alkyl-N-aryl amido, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, sulfamyl, N-alkylsulfamyl, amino, N-alkylamino, N,N-dialkylamino, heterocyclic, nitro and acylamino;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or (b) a compound of the formula



wherein R¹ is selected from alkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, aralkoxy, cycloalkylalkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylalkylthio, alkoxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, aralkylthioalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, aryloxalkyl, aryllthioalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, halo, alkylamino, aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-aralkylamino, N-alkyl-N-cycloalkylalkylamino, arylcarbonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonylthio, alkoxy carbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylthioalkyl, and alkylaminocarbonylthioalkyl;

wherein R³ is selected from cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, and aryl; wherein R³ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals independently selected from alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, nitro, alkoxyalkyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, halo, alkoxy and alkylthio; and

wherein R⁴ is selected from lower alkyl, hydroxyl, and amino; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

in amounts that render the combination of such three active agents effective in the treatment of migraine.

7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist is selected from eletriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan sumatriptan and naratriptan.

8. A method according to claim 6, wherein the cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is Celecoxib or Valdecoxib.

9. A method according to claim 6, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist, caffeine and the cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor are administered separately according to a dose regimen that renders the combination of the separately administered active agents effective in the treatment of migraine.

10. A method according to claim 6, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist, caffeine and the cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor are administered together according to a dose regimen that

renders the combination of the administered active agents effective in the treatment of migraine.

11. A method according to claim 6, wherein the 5HT₁ receptor agonist is administered in an amount from about .05mg to about 100mg per day, caffeine is administered in an amount from about 15mg to about 200mg per day, and the cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is administered in an amount from about 10mg to about 300mg per day.

12. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 when used in the treatment of migraine.

10 13. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 for use in treating migraine.

14. Use of 5HT₁ receptor agonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with caffeine and a compound of formula (I) or (II) as defined herein in the manufacture of a medicament for treating migraine.

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